

Claims:

1. A method for analyzing a print job, the method comprising:  
receiving page description language ("PDL") commands that describe the  
5 print job;  
interpreting the PDL commands;  
identifying a print setting from the interpreted commands that affects the  
entire print job; and  
reporting the identified print setting.  
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2. The method of claim 1, wherein the PDL commands comprise PostScript  
commands.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the PDL commands comprise PCL  
15 commands.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the identified print setting comprises a  
specified halftone screen.
- 20 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the identified print setting comprises a  
specified output profile.
6. A method for analyzing a print job for printing by a printer, the method  
comprising:  
25 receiving page description language ("PDL") commands that describe the  
print job;  
interpreting the PDL commands;  
identifying a printer factor associated with the printer; and  
reporting the identified print factor.  
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7. The method of claim 6, wherein the PDL commands comprise PostScript  
commands.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein the PDL commands comprise PCL commands.
9. The method of claim 6, wherein the printer factor comprises calibration  
5 information about the printer.
10. A method for analyzing a print job comprising an object having an associated print attribute, the method comprising:  
determining a print attribute of interest;  
10 associating a corresponding unique marker to the determined attribute;  
receiving page description language ("PDL") commands that describe the print job;  
interpreting the PDL commands;  
determining if the attribute associated with the object matches the  
15 determined attribute; and  
reporting the results of any matched object using the corresponding unique marker.
11. The method of claim 10, wherein the PDL commands comprise PostScript  
20 commands.
12. The method of claim 10, wherein the PDL commands comprise PCL commands.
- 25 13. The method of claim 10, wherein the object comprises text.
14. The method of claim 10, wherein the object comprises an image.
15. The method of claim 10, wherein the object comprises a graphic.
- 30 16. The method of claim 10, wherein the determined print attribute of interest comprises a font name.

17. The method of claim 10, wherein the determined print attribute of interest comprises a font size.

18. The method of claim 10, wherein the determined print attribute of interest  
5 comprises a color space.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the color space comprises a red, green, blue color space.

10 20. The method of claim 18, wherein the color space comprises a cyan, magenta, yellow color space.

21. The method of claim 18, wherein the color space comprises a device-dependent color space.

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22. The method of claim 18, wherein the color space comprises a device-independent color space.

23. The method of claim 10, wherein the determined print attribute of interest  
20 comprises a color value.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein the color value comprises a red, green, blue color value.

25 25. The method of claim 23, wherein the color value comprises a cyan, magenta, yellow color value.

26. The method of claim 23, wherein the color value comprises a spot color value.

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27. The method of claim 23, wherein the color value comprises a PANTONE® spot color value.

28. The method of claim 10, wherein the determined print attribute of interest comprises an orientation.

5 30. The method of claim 10, wherein the unique marker comprises text.

31. The method of claim 10, wherein the unique marker comprises sound.

10 32. The method of claim 10, wherein the unique marker comprises changing the color of the matched object.

33. The method of claim 32, wherein reporting comprises displaying the matched object on a display device in the changed color.

15 34. The method of claim 32, wherein reporting comprises printing the matched object in the changed color.